

**UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NON-JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

1. **Name**: State full name (include any former names used)

James Clifton Arnott, Jim C. Arnott

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States Marshal, Western District of Missouri, Department of Justice

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Office: 5100 West Division Street
Springfield, MO 65802

4. **Birthplace**: State date and place of birth.

1967; Sussex, NJ

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

National Jail Leadership Academy, 2021
Certificate received

Southern Police Institute-University of Louisville (KY) 2013
Chief Executive Leadership Course, Certificate received

National Sheriffs Institute, 97th Session, 2009
Certificate received

Missouri Department of Public Safety, 2006
Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Instructor Certificate received (February 2006)

Columbia Southern University, 2004-2005
Bachelor of Science

FBI National Academy, 216th Session, 2004
Certificate received

Drury University Law Enforcement Academy, 1988
Certificate received

6. **Employment Record:** List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

May 2019 – Present
Jim C. Arnott & Associates
Consultant and Expert Witness
651 South Farm Road 253
Rogersville, MO 65742

January 2009 – Present
Sheriff of Greene County Missouri
5100 West Division St.
Springfield, MO 65802

January 2006 – December 2008	Chief Deputy
October 2005 – January 2006	Captain of Criminal Investigations
August 2002 – September 2005	Lieutenant of Criminal Investigations
March 2001 – August 2002	Sergeant of Criminal Investigations
January 1998 – January 2006	U.S. Marshal Service Guard (off-duty)
January 1996 – February 2001	Detective
December 1990 – January 1996	Patrol Deputy
June 1988 – December 1990	Reserve Deputy

January 2005 – Present
Dump Truck and Excavation work
CMT Logistics
651 South Farm Road 253
Springfield, MO 65802

Uncompensated Affiliations:

January 2024 – March 2024
Police Chief - Oversaw department and restructure
City of Fair Grove Missouri
81 South Orchard Boulevard
Fair Grove, MO 65648

July 2020 – November 2020
Police Chief - Oversaw department and restructure
City of Fair Grove Missouri
81 South Orchard Boulevard
Fair Grove, MO 65648

November 2021 – January 2022
Police Chief - Oversaw department and restructure
City of Ash Grove Missouri
101 North Calhoun
Ash Grove, MO 65604

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

I have not served in the U.S. Military. I registered for selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Springfield Man of the Year, Springfield Business Journal, 2020

Patriotic Employee, National Guard and Reserves 2015

Military Order of Purple Heart, American Patriot, 2011

Patriotic Employee, National Guard and Reserves 2010

Outstanding Service, American Legions, 1997

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

I am not an attorney.

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

I am not an attorney.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

I am not an attorney.

11. Memberships:

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Greene County 100 Club Advisory Board, January-Present

Medical Marijuana Advisory Committee, 2019

Advisory Committee on Experience on Site Security for Missouri Dept. of Health, 2019

MOSMART Board Member – appointed by Missouri Governor Greitens, 2017-Present

Justice Reinvestment Executive Oversight Committee, 2017-Present

Missouri Association of Counties Board of Directors, 2017-Present

Greene County Family Justice Center Board of Directors, 2017-Present

Sheriff Arnott's Distinguished Posse- 501c3 Non-profit, 2017-Present

911 Advisory Chairman, 2010-Present

Shriner International, 2010-Present

Master Mason, 2010-Present

Isabel's House Crisis Nursery, Executive Board Member, 2010

Victim Rights Group – appointed by Missouri Governor Nixon, 2009

FBI Terrorism Task Force, 2009-Present

Community Partnership Executive Board Member 2009-Present
Trunked Radio System Executive Board Member, 2009-Present
United Way Past Board of Directors Member, 2009-Present
The Eagles Lodge, 2009
National Sheriff's Association Member, 2008-Present
Missouri Sheriff's Association, Member 2008-Present (President 2017)
Sunrise Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow, 2008-Present
Victim Center – Executive Board Member, 2008-Present
Underage Drinking Task Force – Chairman, 2007
Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors, 2006
COMET Drug Task Force, Chairman and Project Director 2004-2018
FBI Academy Alumni Association, 2004-Present

- b. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

The Masonic Lodge does not allow women as members. The affiliate for the Masonic Lodge for women is the Order of the Eastern Star (OES). Shriner's International is a men's organization but they have affiliated groups for women. Before I joined, the Rotary officially began welcoming women into clubs in 1989 after a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 1987 that prohibited gender-based exclusion.

12. Published Writings and Public Statements:

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.
I have done my best to identify all books, articles, reports, letters to editor, editorial pieces and other published materials, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my

searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

KY3, *Greene County sheriff sees increase in violent crimes with kids*. (Feb. 16, 2023), <https://www.ky3.com/2023/02/16/greene-county-sheriff-sees-increase-violent-crimes-with-kids/>.

KY3, *Sheriff: A rise in crime reported in Greene County for 2020*. (Jan. 1, 2021), <https://www.ky3.com/2021/01/01/a-rise-in-crime-reported-in-greene-county-for-2020/>.

Ozarks First, *Public Hears Issues Facing Greene County Sheriff's Dept.* (Feb. 23, 2016), <https://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/public-hears-issues-facing-greene-county-sheriffs-dept/>.

KSMU.org, *Sheriff's Office to Share Data on Crime Trends, Seeks Feedback*. (Nov. 19, 2015), <https://www.ksmu.org/community-safety/2015-11-19/sheriffs-office-to-share-data-on-crime-trends-seeks-feedback>.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

I have done my best to identify reports, memoranda, or policy statements as described, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have not located any responsive items. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

I have done my best to identify testimony, official statements or other communications relating to matters of public policy or legal interpretation as described, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. I have not located any responsive items. Despite my searches, there may be other materials that I have been unable to identify, find, or remember.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions,

conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

Scott Harvey, *Sheriff's Office to Share Data on Crime Trends, Seeks Feedback*, KSMU Ozarks Public Radio, (Nov. 19, 2015), <https://www.ksmu.org/community-safety/2015-11-19/sheriffs-office-to-share-data-on-crime-trends-seeks-feedback>.

Public Hears Issues Facing Greene County Sheriff's Dept., OzarksFirst, (Feb. 23, 2016), <https://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/public-hears-issues-facing-greene-county-sheriffs-dept/>.

"From the desk of Sheriff Arnott" rebuttal to a News-Leader article, Greene County Sheriff's Office Facebook, (July 18, 2018). Copies unavailable.

Greene County Sheriff Jim Arnott releases statement, video involving deadly crash in Springfield, KY3, (Aug. 5, 2019), <https://www.ky3.com/content/news/WATCH-Greene-County-Sheriff-Jim-Arnott-releases-statement-video-involving-deadly-crash-in-Springfield-520988761.html>.

Frances Watson, *Sheriff: A rise in crime reported in Greene County for 2020*, KY3, (Jan. 1, 2021), <https://www.ky3.com/2021/01/01/a-rise-in-crime-reported-in-greene-county-for-2020/>.

Elizabeth VanMetre, *Springfield law enforcement weighs in on impact of 'Second Amendment Preservation Act'*, KY3, (Sept. 15, 2021), <https://www.ky3.com/2021/09/15/springfield-law-enforcement-weighs-impact-second-amendment-preservation-act/>.

Ashley Reynolds, *Greene County sheriff sees increase in violent crimes with kids*, KY3, (Feb. 16, 2023), <https://www.ky3.com/2023/02/16/greene-county-sheriff-sees-increase-violent-crimes-with-kids/>.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these

interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

I have done my best to identify transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered, including a thorough review of my personal files and searches of publicly available electronic databases. Despite my searches, there may be other materials I have been unable to identify, find, or remember. I have located the following:

The Associated Press, *SW Mo Sheriff wants inmates to help with costs*, Columbia Missourian, (Apr. 18, 2009), https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/sw-mo-sheriff-wants-inmates-to-help-with-costs/article_d422e47e-ab34-5d2f-afcd-f4ebdb5bc88c.html.

Greene Co., Mo. sheriff adds crisis intervention to deputies job description, FOX4KC, (Mar. 31, 2013), <https://fox4kc.com/news/greene-co-mo-sheriff-adds-crisis-intervention-to-deputies-job-description/>.

Scott Harvey, *Violence Against an Officer Would Become Hate Crime in Missouri Under Proposal*, KSMU Ozarks Public Radio, (July 21, 2016), <https://www.ksmu.org/community-safety/2016-07-21/violence-against-an-officer-would-become-hate-crime-in-missouri-under-proposal>.

Jan Peterson, *2020 Men of the Year: Jim Arnott*, Springfield Business Journal, (Aug. 10, 2020), <https://sbj.net/stories/2020-men-of-the-year-jim-arnott,70188>.

August Primary Election: Jim Arnott wins reelection for Greene County Sheriff, KY3, (Aug. 6, 2024), [<https://www.ky3.com/2024/08/07/august-primary-election-jim-arnott-wins-reelection-greene-county-sheriff/>].

Sheriff Arnott weighs in on deportation in Greene County, OzarksFirst, (Jan. 21, 2025), <https://www.ozarksfirst.com/video/sheriff-arnott-weighs-in-on-deportation-efforts-in-greene-county/10387605/>.

13. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

January 2009 – Present

Elected Sheriff of Greene County (re-elected in 2012, 2016, 2020 and 2024)

January 2024 – March 2024	Appointed by the City Council to be Police Chief of Fair Grove
November 2021 – January 2022	Appointed by the City Council to be Police Chief of Ash Grove
July 2020 – November 2022	Appointed by the City Council to be Police Chief Fair Grove
April 2020 – Present	Appointed by Governor Parson to the Missouri Peace Officers Standard Commission POST Commissioner
February 2020 – Present	Appointed by Governor Parson to the Missouri Medal of Valor Committee
February 2020 – Present	Appointed by Governor Nixon to the Victims Rights Group
July 2018 – June 2019	Missouri Sheriff’s Association – Past President, Elected by Missouri Sheriffs
March 2017 – June 2018	Appointed by Governor Greitens to the Justice Reinvestment Executive Oversight Committee

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

The Association of Republicans Getting Everyone Together (T.A.R.G.E.T.)
(Member)

14. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:
- i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;
- I am not an attorney.
- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I am not an attorney.

- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

I am not an attorney.

- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I am not an attorney.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

I am not an attorney.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

I am not an attorney.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. federal courts;
 - 2. state courts of record;
 - 3. other courts;
 - 4. administrative agencies

I am not an attorney.

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. civil proceedings;
 - 2. criminal proceedings.

I am not an attorney.

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.
 - i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury;
 - 2. non-jury.

I am not an attorney.

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I am not an attorney.

15. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

I am not an attorney.

16. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

I am not an attorney. I have not lobbied on behalf of any client or organization.

17. **Teaching**: What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

I have not taught any courses.

18. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits**: List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

I will receive the following retirements:

Missouri Sheriff's Retirement System
LAGERS (Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System)
CERF (County Employees Retirement Fund)

19. **Outside Commitments During Service**: Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

If I am confirmed, I will finish any consultation cases I am working on, as appropriate.

20. **Sources of Income**: List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

Please see my OGE-278 as provided by the Office of Government Ethics.

21. **Statement of Net Worth**: Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

22. **Potential Conflicts of Interest**:

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, affiliations, pending and categories of litigation, financial arrangements or other factors that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Justice's (USMS) designated agency ethics official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an agency ethics agreement that I have entered into with the Department's designated agency ethics official.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

If I am confirmed, any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered with the Department's designated agency ethics official. If confirmed, I will continue to consult with the Department of Justice's ethics office and will recuse myself from any matter in which recusal is required.

23. **Pro Bono Work**: An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each. If you are not an attorney, please use this opportunity to report significant charitable and volunteer work you may have done.

During my 37 years in law enforcement and community engagement, I have served as a guest speaker, and volunteer to numerous organizations such as the United Way's Day of Caring, Special Olympics, Rescue One, the Victim Center, the Child Advocacy Center, Isabel's House Crisis Nursery, Rotary and Community Partnership of the Ozarks. I have worked with those agencies, along with others, as both a volunteer and fundraiser.